

AMENDMENT

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1. Canceled.

Claim 2. Canceled.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) A method of treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising applying to the skin of patients afflicted with such disorders a topical composition comprising an amount of about 2-10% nicotinamide by weight and about .005-0.7% nicotinic acid by weight.

Claim 4. (Original) The method of Claim 3 wherein said composition comprises about 3-7% nicotinamide by weight and about .05-0.2% nicotinic acid by weight.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) A method of treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising adding to the composition of Claim 3 one or more additional known acne treatment agents.

Claim 6. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 5 wherein said one or more additional known acne treatment agents are selected from the group consisting of clindamycin, erythromycin, retinoic acid, benzoyl peroxide, salicylic acid, azelaic acid, tazarotene, and metronidazole.

Claim 7. (Withdrawn) A topical composition effective for treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an amount of nicotinamide in combination with less than 1% by weight of nicotinic acid, the resulting formulation being more effective than said amount of nicotinamide by itself.

Claim 8. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 7, wherein said composition comprises about 1-12% nicotinamide by weight.

Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition comprises about 2-10% nicotinamide by weight and about .005-0.7% nicotinic acid by weight.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 9, wherein said composition comprises about 3-7% nicotinamide by weight and about .05-0.2% nicotinic acid by weight..

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 7 wherein other known acne treatment agents are included in the composition.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 9 wherein the other known acne treatment agents are selected from the group consisting of clindamycin, erythromycin, retinoic acid, benzoyl peroxide, salicylic acid, azelaic acid, tazarotene, and metronidazole.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition comprises about 4% nicotinamide and about 0.1% nicotinic acid by weight.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition comprises about 4% nicotinamide and about 0.05% nicotinic acid by weight.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is applied at least once a day.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is an emulsion.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is a cream.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is a gel.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is a lotion.

Claim 20. (New) The method of claim 3 wherein acne rosacea is being treated.